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### **I-17 ramps at Deer Valley Road to close for construction**

*Ramps at Yorkshire Drive to reopen*

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**PHOENIX** – Changes are coming to Interstate 17 in the North Valley that drivers will want to be aware of as they travel along this busy section of freeway. Two I-17 ramps at Deer Valley Road will be closed for nearly a year as part of the continuing progress to widen this stretch of freeway between Loop 101 and the Carefree Highway. In addition, two I-17 ramps at Yorkshire Drive that have been closed for construction since June are scheduled to reopen.

Beginning Saturday, December 13, the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Deer Valley Road will be closed until fall 2009 while construction crews build the new outside lanes and reconfigure the ramp. Drivers can exit at Pinnacle Peak Road and use the southbound I-17 frontage road to access Deer Valley Road.

In addition, southbound I-17 will be closed overnight beginning at 10 p.m. on December 13 until 9 a.m. on December 14 to shift traffic lanes to the median and install temporary barriers. During the closure, traffic will be detoured onto the shoulder and the southbound frontage road and will re-enter the freeway at Rose Garden Lane. Two temporary southbound traffic lanes will remain during the completion of the widening work.

On December 15, the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Yorkshire/Union Hills drives will reopen to traffic after being reconstructed. In mid January, the northbound I-17 on-ramp at Yorkshire Drive/Utopia Road will also reopen to traffic following reconstruction.

Once this on-ramp is reopened, the northbound on-ramp at Deer Valley Road will be closed until late 2009 for reconstruction. Drivers can use the northbound on-ramps at Yorkshire Drive/Utopia Road and Pinnacle Peak Road as alternate routes to access I-17.

As a reminder, the southbound I-17 loop on-ramp at Deer Valley Road is closed until spring 2009 for reconstruction. The southbound diamond entrance ramp remains open at the interchange.

ADOT advises drivers to allow extra time when traveling through the I-17 construction zone north of Loop 101.

The I-17 work is part of a massive freeway reconstruction effort, targeted for completion in late 2009. The improvements – which include widening the freeway by two lanes in each direction between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway (State Route 74), building new interchanges at several locations to improve access, and reconstructing the existing interchanges at Carefree Highway and Deer Valley Road – are included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Funding for the plan was approved by voters in 2004. Another RTP project, one to widen I-17 between Carefree Highway and Anthem Way, is scheduled to begin in 2009, with completion in 2010.

More information about I-17 improvements, including maps and timetables, can be found at [www.ValleyFreeways.com](http://www.ValleyFreeways.com) or by calling the I-17 hotline at 480.890.3055. Drivers are encouraged to sign up for ADOT's weekly I-17 email alerts regarding construction-related restrictions. For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona, visit ADOT's [Travel Information site](#) or call 5-1-1.

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